

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. By this response, claim 10 is canceled. Claims 1-9 have been deemed allowable. Allowance of the application based on the above amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 USC §102/§103

The Examiner rejects claim 10 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Korkowski et al. (USP 5,363,465) and 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Korkowski et al. These rejections are respectively traversed.

By this response, claim 10 has been canceled, thus the rejections regarding claim 10 are now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that with the cancellation of claim 10, the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests favorable and prompt allowance of the application.

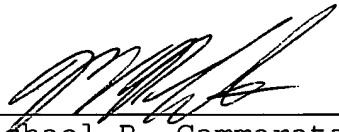
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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